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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN, DRAPER, AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. A QUIET NIGHT WITH A FEW MORE CARS COMING INTO TOWN THAN USUAL. DOWNTOWN BEIRUT, HOWEVER, IS STILL A DEAD, DESERTED CITY, THE ONLY SIGNS OF LIFE BEING TRUCKS OR PRIVATE CARS BACKED UP TO SHOPS WHOSE OWNERS ARE TAKING ALL MOVABLES UP TO THE HILLS.

2. TRIPOLI AND ZAHLE ALSO APPARENTLY QUIET. AGAIN, POLITICS SEEM TO DOMINATE THE SCENE. MOSLEM PALESTINIAN LEADERS THAT MET YESTERDAY AT THE HOME OF THE JUFTI CONDEMNED PARTITION AND STATEMENTS MADE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, BY CHAMOUN, GEMAYEL, AND MONK FATHER KASSIS GENERALLY REPUDIATING SYRIAN FIVE POINTS.

3. LOOTING RAMPANT. BANKS HAVE DECIDED NOT RPT NOT OPEN UNTIL SECURITY REASSURED (HOW LONG BANKS CAN REMAIN CLOSED WITHOUT DRAMATICALLY AFFECTING DAILY LIFE IS A MATTER OF CONJECTURE). CHAMOUN COMPARES SAEB SALAM AND RAYMOND EDDE TO DON
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QUIXOTE AND SANCHEZ TILTING AT THE WINDMILLS OF

PARTITION.

4. WE ARE ALL KEEPING FINGERS CROSSED RE AUB AND
LIMITED ACS MONDAY OPENINGS.
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